



WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1902

THE GAZETTE wishes its many readers, one and all, a Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The Gazette today takes pleasure in extending the compliments of the season to its readers of the present generation. It has done annually in three centuries. We hope one and all will experience unalloyed pleasure during the happy Christmas season. As the years come and go people grow older and some may not anticipate the approach of this the greatest of all Christian feasts with the relish of their younger days; but none should lose sight of the fact that at the coming of each Christmas there is so to speak, a new generation of young folks who have learned for the first time to lip the word "Christmas" and in a measure comprehend the joys of the occasion. It will afford happiness to their elders to see them taking inventories tomorrow morning and in gathering around decorated Christmas trees. The tiny wax candles of the latter will sparkle in unison with the brightness of the eyes of the little ones whose joy overflows during the holiday season. They may not understand the spiritual import of it all now, as their young minds are absorbed with the glees of the occasion. As they grow older, however, and are enabled to see the spiritual and temporal pictures, they may make the latter secondary to the former, when a field of thought will be opened up to them and the Creator, not the creature, will be needed to fill their expanding minds. Christmas means much; it is many-sided. Its most important feature is to call attention to the fact that over nineteen hundred years ago the greatest Friend which has ever appeared to the human race "as a newborn babe lying in a manger, while angelic choristers before the stars were out of the sky were singing on Judea's plains "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men," with humble shepherds only as their auditors. Many years have come and gone since this heavenly visit; the world has made volumes of history; wars, contentions, controversies and blood have formed dark spots here and there in the annals of the race as misguided men of all creeds and nationalities have committed overt acts in the name of the Prince of Peace. To the well-disposed, however, the song of the angels on that memorable night has echoed down the ages and will continue to do so until men learn war no more and swords shall be beaten into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks. There have been in years past many conscientious souls who have refrained from the observance of Christmas from the fact that it is no where enjoined upon us by the Bible. There are still many such in the world. Some of their progenitors when they were in a position to wield power made it a misdemeanor for others to participate in Christmas cheer. The fact that the celebration of Christmas is not according "to the pattern of all things shown in the mount" is, however, by no means a serious objection to others equally conscientious. It may be observed that there is no commandment, injunction or recommendation under the New Dispensation to celebrate any day, not even Sunday, although most people calling themselves Christians, very properly make that their day of rest and an occasion for devotion. Let Christmas be celebrated in the proper spirit, not in the abuse of the gifts of heaven, and the angelic choristers who rejoiced with mankind nineteen hundred years ago will continue the glad anthem which broke the stillness of the most eventful night in the world's history.

THE FINANCIAL difficulty into which the Trigg Shipbuilding Company of Richmond has been precipitated is regretted by all Virginians who were naturally proud that such a plant was located in the Old Dominion. All hope the company will soon emerge from its present embarrassments and that things will again be well with it. One of the causes of its present troubles seems to have been the enormous outlay the company was subjected to in order to reclaim certain swamp land on a narrow and shallow river never intended for shipyard purposes. Some time ago when the company was about to expand its plant the natural facilities offered by Alexandria, with the broad, deep and shimmering Potomac in front of it, were suggested as a more eligible location for a large shipbuilding concern. Like the city-builders of old who passed by the site of modern Constantinople, they preferred the present site of their plant. Disaster may have come in Alexandria, but that much money now buried in making a foundation for the banks of the James river could have been saved had the company come here as apparent.

THE AMERICAN officials who are expected to harmonize, civilize and Christianize the Porto Ricans have made a start looking toward Americanizing them. This is shown by a dispatch from San Juan that says: "Supervisor of Elections Butler, Capt. Mentz, U. S. M. C., and James Brennan, an employee of the Country Club, have been arrested for smuggling two lots of wines and liquors from St. Thomas, brought here on the United States steamer Uncas and lighthouse tender Laurel. It is alleged that supplies for the country club which the elite bought in St. Thomas were smuggled in through the navy and army. Butler is managing officer of the club and Brennan is the steward. The arrest of other prominent persons will be made, and it is said that a large number more will follow, as the smuggling has continued for a long period."

This is much to be regretted, for it is feared that the example set by the Americans in this instance will be followed by the Porto Ricans whenever opportunity offers. If American officials engage in smuggling the Porto Ricans will reason why not they also.

NEGROES have ever been failures as representative people. The republican party is gradually realizing what the democrats have always known. The recall of J. B. A. Crossland as Minister to Liberia makes this truth still more apparent. Crossland is charged with shooting another colored individual named Faulkner who had attacked him in the true negro style—with a razor—and the trouble is said to have been superinduced by the negro minister paying too much attention to Faulkner's wife. They all lived in the same house. Many years ago the United States wanted to acquire from Hayti St. Nicholas Mole for a coal station and imagined Fred Douglass was the only person who could deal with the blacks of that country. His mission was a failure, and the reason assigned was that one negro will not respect another on general principles.

THE CELEBRATION of Christmas is frowned upon by some well-meaning people for no other reason than the fact that its observance is not enjoined by the New Testament. The majority, however, see no serious objection in this. The feast of Purim is no where provided for in the Pentateuch; but the Israelites in the days of Ahasuerus incorporated it into their religious life as the anniversary of their deliverance from the machinations of Haman. Esther's Feast is to them what Christmas is to the believer in the New Dispensation. "They made them (the days of Purim) a time of feasting and gladness and of sending portions one to another."

PROF. GATES is reported to have discovered that every mood and thought of the human brain has a relatively corresponding color in the chromatic scale, and has designed apparatus to demonstrate his theory. If this is so the blue Mondays and the red letter days are easily accounted for.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, D. C., December 24. The detailed replies of both Great Britain and Germany to the Venezuelan arbitration proposition have been received by the State Department. It is announced that they will not be made public until after the President's response thereto shall have been forwarded. Although the State Department has taken no notice of the reported action of the Italian cruiser Bausan in refusing to permit the steamer Caracas to discharge her entire cargo, the matter will be brought to its attention today through the complaint made by the owners' agent at La Guayra. Investigation will also be made of the case of an American named Jones, who, purposing to leave Venezuela for the United States and ignorant of the fact that the blockade had been declared, chartered a sailing vessel at Guanta and, loading it with his household goods, started for La Guayra in order to embark for New York. Near Macuta the Bausan fired upon him, seized the boat, searched Jones, and refusing to listen to his explanations put him ashore after confiscating all of his personal property. It is reported that Jones was left without a penny. Inquiry into the circumstances of these two cases is likely to lead to a thorough review of the whole blockade which is said to be conducted with much severity and to the injury of a number of American citizens. Another feature which will receive attention is the motive of the allies in leaving Coro free to shipping. This is of no consequence save that it is in the country held by the revolutionists and is the place where the arms and ammunition for the latter are landed.

The State Department has guaranteed leave of absence to J. R. A. Crossland, colored, United States Minister to Liberia. It is understood upon his arrival in the United States he will be allowed to resign, owing to a personal encounter between the minister and one of his subordinates. Crossland was appointed from Missouri.

It is understood here that the War Department is ready to comply with the request of the leaders of the anti-imperialist movement that Apolinario Mabini, Aguinaldo's former Secretary of State, shall be released, unconditionally, from exile and captivity. The anti-imperialists, in a letter to President Roosevelt, point out that Mabini's detention is unlawful, because he was ordered held until "a declaration of the termination of hostilities" shall have been made. President Roosevelt's declaration of July 4, is cited to prove that hostilities are at an end and that Mabini should be free.

Express wagons are arriving with wonderful frequency at the White House and as each disgorges its load of mysterious packages, the excitement of the younger Roosevelt becomes more intense. All the packages are whisked away from the children's sight and from the fact that they are not allowed to enter the newly furnished library, they have decided that this apartment is to be Santa Claus's headquarters. Mrs.

Roosevelt will distribute the gifts before breakfast tomorrow morning. There will be no Christmas tree this year at the White House, but a tremendous glittering bush will be lighted at the residence of Commander Cowles, the brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, and the youngsters of the Executive Mansion will go over there to enjoy it this evening. The presents the Roosevelt children will receive include very imaginable toys from life-size dolls for Ethel to expensive jewelry for the elder ones and a big electric railroad for little Quentin. This toy road has a circular track surrounding a mirror-lake. Henry Pickney the White House steward is to help distributing fine fat turkeys to all the help employed at the building.

Treasury officials are very much opposed to the currency bill which has been introduced in the House by Representative Fowler after consultation with republicans of his committee. Incidentally they complain that while here, before it has been the custom for the Congressional committees when considering measures of this importance to at least consult the Comptroller of the Currency, this course was not pursued in the present instance. The officials referred to urge several objections to the bill and suggest material amendments to it.

The President today denied 13 applications for pardon, granted restoration to citizenship in four cases, and granted pardons and commutations in seven cases. Admiral Schley, who has been seriously ill with lung fever for several days, sat up today for the first time since his indisposition began. His attending physician, Dr. Dixon, predicts that he will be completely restored to health in a few days.

Senator Martin and family left here yesterday for Scottsville, where they will spend a part of the holidays.

The code translators in the State Department were busy this morning putting into plain English the cipher message from Minister White, United States charge d'affaires at London, containing the expression of views of the British foreign office regarding the proposed settlement of the Venezuelan dispute by arbitration. As soon as prepared, the document will be submitted to President Roosevelt, and the latter's formal reply thereto will be drafted and forwarded.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Five more coasting vessels were captured yesterday by the allied fleet, which is blockading Venezuela.

Pope Leo XIII, in an address to the cardinals in Rome, pleaded for a spread of the Christian democracy.

Success has crowned the efforts of the Methodist of America to raise a Twentieth Century Thankoffering fund of \$20,000,000. About \$19,000,000 has already been raised and promise has just been obtained from a millionaire to add the required amount to complete the full sum.

Mrs. Evelyn S. Tome, widow of Jacob Tome, the founder of the Tome Institute at Port Deposit, Md., is engaged to be married to Irwin France, a member of the graduating class of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore. Mrs. Tome has the distinction of being the only woman president of a national bank in the United States. She is 48 years old and her fiancé 28. It is reported that Mrs. Tome's individual wealth amounts to more than \$2,000,000.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Standard says he has seen a private telegram from Washington to a prominent personage in Berlin stating that President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator of the Venezuelan dispute will reach the powers on December 25. It is reported that if Mr. Roosevelt declines, Germany is willing to send the dispute to the Hague Court. The American steamer Caracas which arrived at La Guayra yesterday was not permitted to remain in the blockade harbor that night. She landed her mail and passenger and a part of her cargo, however.

The Crown Princess of Saxony, with her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, and Professor Giron, a French teacher, are at the same hotel in Geneva, Switzerland. The Princess goes under the name of Frau von Oben. At the Saxon court a decree of divorce is suggested as a necessary sequence to the Princess's resolution to leave the court forever. Her brother, the Archduke, who fled with his beautiful Vienna woman in a party also including Crown Princess Louise of Saxony and her French tutor, has resigned his commission in the Austrian army. He will likely marry his Viennese companion.

FOREIGN NEWS

Pope Leo celebrated the regular Christmas Eve high mass tonight.

A train fell into the canal near Amsterdam today, and one person was killed, and two others injured.

A dispatch from Rome says the rumor current that the Pope is ill is without foundation. He is in excellent health and spirits.

The Marquis of Donegal, who is 80 years old, and who has been married twice before, and Miss Violet Gertrude Twining, a young Canadian girl, who is a graduate of Wellesley, were married at St. George's Hanover Square, London, yesterday.

The Paris police have seized the papers of Jeanne De La Marre, the explorer and manager of the Klondike New Mining Company, which is capitalized at 40,000,000 francs. De La Marre is suspected of irregular proceedings, just what, the police refuse to state.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The House and Senate held their final ante-holiday sessions yesterday morning. There was no prayer in either body, nor was there the slightest pretense of business. Speaker Ryan presided in the House, while Senator Wickman called the upper branch to order. There were two motions only in each branch. One was to dispense with the reading of the journal, the other to adjourn. In the House there were 10 members, while there were but three in the Senate. The members present said good-by to one another and quickly hurried away to catch the outgoing trains for their homes.

Advertising Essential.

In commenting on a list of "One Hundred Captains of Industry," The New York Sun justly observes that without the benefits of newspaper publicity these captains would have been less successful. Therefore it would include in the list some of the men who have promoted newspaper advertising.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. J. W. Smith, aged seventy-nine years, a well-to-do farmer residing three miles southeast of Red Hill Albemarle county, choked yesterday and died before a physician could come to his relief. Some food lodged in his windpipe.

A dispatch from New York says it is reported there that Frank Jay Gould has purchased all of the properties of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company's interests in Richmond, including the street railway lines and electric plants there and in Petersburg.

Miss Caroline B. Lyons, of Charlottesville, and Dr. Arthur Buckner Harris, formerly of San Antonio, Tex., but now head surgeon of the Cannelton coal mines, West Virginia, were married at Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Charlottesville, last night.

Two men were killed and another fatally injured in an explosion of the boiler of the towboat Lizzie Massey, on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river at Norfolk, at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The dead are George M. Williams, captain and William Byman, fireman. The fatally injured was Samuel Dunn, engineer.

A fire last night destroyed eight mammoth kilns, an enormous storehouse, and thousands of feet of lumber in the yards of the John L. Roper Lumber Company, at Gilmerton, near Norfolk. Over \$100,000 worth of property was destroyed by the flames, although an accurate estimate of the damage could not be made last night by the officials of the company in Norfolk.

Mr. W. French Henry, a well-known young man, dropped dead at his home in Winchester late on Monday night, while conversing with his brother. Mr. Henry had been slightly ill for some time, and Monday had a promission of his death. He remarked that he would not live to celebrate Christmas, and gave specific directions in regard to his funeral arrangements.

Governor Montague yesterday granted a requisition from the Governor of Missouri for one Albert G. Wells, who is charged with being a fugitive from justice and with kidnapping a child in that State and fleeing to Virginia for escape. Sheriff George D. Gibson, of Howard county, Mo., was at the Capitol yesterday and got the necessary papers and proceeded at once to Martinsville, where Wells is in jail.

Marriage license were issued in Washington yesterday to Harry Elmer Van Deusen and Margaret Gertrude McMullen, both of Fairfax county; Joseph T. Shell, of Atlanta, Ga., and Roberta Thomas, of Culpeper; Roy S. Bunch, of Albemarle county, and Annie Kelley, of Washington; W. Ashby Johnson and E. Alice Revercomb, both of Culpeper; Henry F. Quick and Florence A. Lee, both of Fairfax county.

A beautiful wedding occurred yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, Leesburg, Rev. E. S. Hinks, the rector, officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Elizey Shepherd, of Leesburg, daughter of the late Lyman Shepherd, of Toronto, Canada, and Mary Elizey Shepherd, of Washington; W. Ashby Johnson and E. Alice Revercomb, both of Culpeper; Henry F. Quick and Florence A. Lee, both of Fairfax county.

Mr. D. W. Baughman, who resided in Hagerstown, Md., was killed in Lynchburg yesterday on the Southern Railway, only a few yards from the Union Station. Mr. Baughman jumped on a fast train as it was pulling out of the depot. The door of the vestibule car was closed. He clung to his dangerous position on the outside of the vestibule, but was knocked off as the train was passing through the freight yard. He fell across another track and a minute afterward was struck by a yard engine and cut to pieces.

TRIGG COMPANY EMBARRASSED.

The Trigg shippers of Richmond, went into the hands of a receiver yesterday afternoon, Lillburn T. Meyers, vice-president of the company, being named in the receivership.

The motion was made in the Chancery Court yesterday by S. A. Hawes & Co., of Richmond, who have a claim for supplies of cement and other material for \$2,000. In addition two claims, to the amount of \$130,000, were filed against the company, mostly for supplies furnished by Richmond firms. No statement has been filed with the proceedings, but it has been understood that the Trigg Company was in deep water. W. R. Trigg, the head and life of the enterprise, was "fatally" paralyzed over a year ago, since which time he has not been able to take any active part in its affairs. The enterprise was regarded as one of the most remarkable in the commercial history of the country. When Mr. Trigg projected the plans for a shipyard in Richmond there was nothing upon which to base it except an out-of-date machine shop. The company has subsequently built several boats for the government. The company has constantly worked from 1,000 to 1,700 hands. Nearly the entire area of the Trigg yards, many acres in extent, was reclaimed from the river, the buildings having been erected on trestles resting on piles driven in the flats covered by water at high tide, and then filled in to the depth of 22 feet. No one believed in the yard will stop work. It will probably go into the hands of the Nixon Shipbuilding Combine. It is thought that the large expenditures made in improvements on that lack of success in building ships. The receiver issued last night a statement saying that work would be resumed and that steps already had been taken for reorganization. The indebtedness, as represented by bonds and preferred and common stock, is as follows: First mortgage bonds, \$1,000,000; secured mortgage bonds, \$1,000,000; preferred stock, \$750,000; common stock, \$1,000,000. Assets not given.

Last night Mr. L. T. Myers gave to the press a typewritten statement which said: "The principal cause of the company's embarrassment, which, however, we hope is only temporary, is the loss sustained on the contract for torpedo-boats and destroyers, which, from causes beyond the company's control, amounted to a very large figure."

A meeting will be held today at the office of the company, when it is proposed to proceed with the reorganization of the concern. It is said that none of the Richmond banks will be affected by the embarrassment of the Trigg Company, which is regarded as only temporary.

The Market.

Georgetown, Dec. 24.—Wheat 70 7/8.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Rebellion in Venezuela.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 24.—Advices from Caracas state that the rebels have again taken the field, and that President Castro has started for La Victoria with government troops to check the advance. Seven thousand rebels, it is stated, began today a march on Caracas, the armistice having ended. They are moving on three roads, led by capable officers. General Matos, the leader of the revolution, declared that Castro's downfall is certain, and he, as Castro's successor, will settle the demands of the powers. The rebels are well supplied with food and ammunition and are getting fresh supplies through the port of Coro, which the blockading forces of the allied powers have conveniently left open, presumably for that very purpose. Coro is surrounded on the land side by the rebels and it looks as if Matos has secured the aid of the allies in his attempt to overthrow Castro. Rome, Dec. 24.—It is stated in Vatican circles today that the Venezuelan government has proposed that the Pope act as arbitrator of the differences between that country and the allies. The Vatican, it is said, will not entertain the proposal unless it is unanimously made.

The Saxony Court Scandal.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—It is reported that Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, who is with his sister, the Crown Princess of Saxony, at Geneva, has refused to accept any further allowance from his father, Archduke Ferdinand of Tuscany, but intends to earn his living. He will probably work at artistic engraving at which he is an expert. One of the theories current regarding the reason for the Crown Princess's flight from Salzburg is that her father had been most severe with her, because her love for such works as those of Zola. The Grand Duke's estrangement from his father first arose from his determination to marry Mile. Adamovic, who is with him at Geneva. The Emperor tried to induce her to give Leopold up but she refused. The Emperor then expelled her from Vienna, allowing her eighty thousand francs as a compensation.

Sentenced to State's Prison.

New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas Sharkey, a private detective, convicted of killing banker Nicholas Fish, was sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing this morning. Mr. Fish died as the result of blows, alleged to have been struck by Sharkey last September outside a saloon. Sharkey had been in the saloon where Fish was drinking with two women. Sharkey left the place and a short time afterwards Mr. Fish came out. The blow was struck as Mr. Fish reached the sidewalk. The banker was taken to a hospital and lived for some time. Sharkey's counsel will appeal from the ten years sentence.

Fatally Shot by a Negro.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Officer Bowen was shot fatally today by an unknown negro he was trying to arrest. He had taken one gun from the negro when he was shot through the mouth with another revolver and then shot a second time in the abdomen. Bowen tried to follow the negro, threw his mace at him, and then sank to the ground. The negro attempted to cross the river into Ohio, but the Bridgeport police awaited him at the other end of the bridge. Another pistol fight followed. The negro threw up his hands after he had fired his last shot and was taken to Wheeling.

Attempt to Wreck a Train.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—An unsuccessful attempt was made last night to wreck the west bound express train on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway six miles east of Springfield. While running at full speed the engine struck a rail that had been fastened to the track. The rail was picked up by the pilot of the engine which ran a quarter of a mile down grade before brought to a stop, tearing ties and ballast from the road bed. The fact that the train did not leave the rails is considered miraculous.

Partners Shoot Each Other.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Information has reached here from Searcy, Ark., that Orlando Miller and D. Mahan, merchants of West Point, Ark., and partners in business, locked themselves in a room and settled their business troubles with pistols. Miller shot Mahan over the ear, killing him instantly. At the same second Mahan shot Miller over the heart and the surgeon says that Miller cannot live many hours.

Glad He Didn't Sell to Us.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—During a farcical audience given yesterday to the Parliamentary commission which will sail in a few days for the Danish West Indies to investigate to prospects of reform in the administration, the King expressed satisfaction that the negotiations for the cession of the islands to the United States had fallen through. He wished the commission goodspeed and good results from their work.

Miss Biggar Acquitted.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 24.—The celebrated Biggar conspiracy case came to an astonishing end at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon when the jury brought in a verdict acquitting Laura Biggar, the actress, but finding Dr. Henricks and Justice of the Peace Stanton, guilty.

CAUTION.

This is not a gentle word—but when you think how liable you are not to purchase the only remedy universally known and a remedy that has had the largest sale of any medicine in the world since 1868 for the cure and treatment of Consumption and Throat and Lung troubles without losing its great popularity all these years, you will be thankful we called your attention to Boschee's German Syrup. There are so many ordinary cough remedies made by druggists and others that are cheap and good for light colds perhaps, but for severe Coughs, Bronchitis, Croup—and especially for Consumption, where there is difficult expectation and coughing during the nights and mornings, there is nothing like German Syrup. The 25 cents size has just been introduced this year. Regular size 75 cents. For sale by E.S. Leadbeater & Sons.

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W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., writes—I have used Little Early Risers Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family. E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES

In an explosion in the Buffington mine U. S. Steel Corporation at New Salem, Pa., today, six men were badly burned.

Fire early this morning destroyed the First National Bank and Lena Miller buildings, at Corunna, Mich. The whole business section of the city was threatened and help was sent from Owosso. The loss is \$40,000.

If the snow storm which commenced in Chicago early this morning, continues with its present vigor, Santa Claus will come to Chicago and vicinity tonight in the old fashioned sled. According to the Weather Bureau a cold wave is due, there tonight.

Policeman Patrick Mason, of Chicago, was today found guilty of burglary and given an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary. Mason and professional burglars blew the safe in a jewelry store located on Mason's beat, and secured about \$8,000 in cash and jewelry.

Driving headfirst in a blinding snow storm at 7:40 o'clock this morning, the engineer of a Pere Marquette express train from Grand Rapids, Mich., failed to see a passenger train lying at McCord's station. There was a rear end collision, the engine plowing into the rear of the motionless train. A number of passengers were injured.

This morning a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which left Buffalo at 7:50 o'clock struck a buggy at a crossing at Blasleys, about two miles south of East Aurora. The rig contained two boys, each about 15 years old. The buggy was smashed, the horse instantly killed. One of the lads was cut to pieces and the other was terribly injured, but is alive.

Ten men were wounded by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of Martin Batson at a shooting match near Alto Pass, Tex., Tuesday afternoon. The men were 25 yards from Batson, who was resting his gun across his arm, and forgetting the gun was cocked, pulled the trigger.

Palatka, Fla., cattlemen are greatly excited over further deaths of cattle caused by them eating poisoned hay, sprayed by the government in its efforts to exterminate the pest in Florida waters. The government will order an investigation and the work has been stopped temporarily.

An unexpected case has taken place for the worse in the condition of Mrs. W. A. Clark, Jr. of Butte, Mont., mother of the \$1,000,000 baby, and the six physicians in attendance have informed her many friends that they might be prepared for the worse.

The barge Sharon Hill, supposed to have been lost at sea, with all on board, while en route from Philadelphia, has arrived at Norfolk, Va. Bad weather delayed her. She has 552 tons of anthracite coal aboard.

The big hospital of the Santa Fe Pacific at Albuquerque, N. M., took five last night and today. Twenty-five patients, some very ill, were in the institution, but it is believed all were saved.

John Bryant, aged 36, was sentenced to hang in Clintwood, Va., Wednesday for the murder of William Vanover. William Bryant's brother, was also sentenced to hang two weeks ago for the same crime.

Three lads, aged respectively twelve, fourteen and sixteen, escaped from the House of Detention in Albany, N. Y., last night, and have not yet been captured. The boys were hatless and shoeless.

It is understood that the Atlantic Coast Line will, beginning with the new year, make an increase of ten per cent. in the wages of all employees who now receive \$100 and less per month.

The New York Central Railroad has decided upon an increase in the salaries of its clerical department. The advance will average about 20 per cent., and will take effect from December.

Leah M. Lillie has been arrested at David City, Neb., charged with murdering her husband, who was shot dead in his bed last October, supposedly by burglars.

Joseph L. McBryne, treasurer of the National Lead Company, of New York, died today.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE RIGHT MEN IN THE RIGHT PLACES.—The people of Virginia, and those of the Eighth district especially, are to be congratulated on being able to fill the bill completely. Of all the fallacies of the present age one of the fallacies is that of rotation in office, and most especially is this the case when applied to representation in Congress. The longer a man is in either house the greater is his influence and weight. Sixty years ago the people fully realized this fact and Lewis Williams, of North Carolina, represented his district in Congress for more than twenty years and was called by his colleagues the "Father of the House."

Col. F. C. Mercer, of Loudoun, represented his district for nearly the same period, and either of them possessed the weight and influence of ten new members. While we of the Eighth district have such a representative as John F. Rixey and our State two such Senators as John W. Daniel and Thomas S. Martin, why should we be casting about for a successor to either? No doubt many worthy ones could be found but it would be many years e'er they could gain the influence they possess. Then let us possess our souls in patience as long as they can be persuaded to save us in the masterly manner they are doing and let well enough alone.

Waterfall, Va., Dec. 22.

LASHED.—John G. Horn, the printer who was arrested soon after his arrival in Newport News, incarcerated in jail, put on the chain gang, thrust into a sweatbox and forgotten for seven hours, until he almost died, had another eventful day, in which a thrashing with a black snake whip and subsequently his liberty on habeas corpus proceedings figured. The next step will be a suit against the city for damages, lawyers having been engaged to assist him in his action. Again yesterday morning Horn refused to go out on the street to work with the chain gang, claiming to be ill, and at the same time protesting his innocence of any crime. He was warned that he would be flogged this time if he did not go to work. The man had plenty of grit and quietly refused to do as ordered. The lash was laid ten times across his bare back, the whip raising big welts and bringing the blood.

SAYS HE SAW AN ANGEL.—At a meeting of the Praying Band held at Steger's Hall in Danville, last Friday night, testimonials of those present were requested and given. Among those who testified was E. J. Ferrell. He said that an angel of heaven had appeared to him in a trance and that he saw the apparition write his name in the "land" book of life. "I saw this," Mr. Ferrell said, "as plainly as I now see you," pointing towards the congregation. "I saw the color of the paper on which the angel wrote." Mr. Ferrell repeated the statement at the Holiness Church, Sunday in the presence of a large crowd. The matter has created a deep impression on the members of the church.

According to the usual custom, a number of pardons have been granted by the Governor as a Christmas offering to the convicts and their families. Among those pardoned was Charles Banks, of Culpeper, sentenced to eight years for malicious shooting.

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Chains.....
Solid Gold Brooches, \$1.25 to.....
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ARAB TREATMENT OF AN ENGLISH
BRIDE.—The English and American
residents at Constantinople were much
surprised in May when it was announced
that Miss Isabel Dunn, an English lady,
had married an Arab, who was a descen-
dant of the Prophet Mahomet and who
aspires to be the next emir of Mecca. The
marriage has turned out to be a most
unhappy one, as everybody expected.
Miss Dunn was introduced into the house
of the Arab as a governess for his two
sons, and after some months in that position
she became a convert to Mohammedanism
and was secretly married to her
employer. For some time the marriage
was kept secret from the other wives, but
it was soon discovered, and the other
ladies of the harem did everything they
possibly could to annoy the new bride.
The favorite wife discovered that, ac-
cording to Mohammedan law, it was im-
possible for anyone to become the emir
of Mecca who married anyone who had
ever been a Christian. She communicated
this news to her friends, and in conse-
quence the emir fled into the country,
and has not been heard of since. Mean-
while she caused Miss Dunn to be impris-
oned in a small kiosk in a little garden
near Scutari. Here she remains for the
present time, a prisoner and friendless.
She is visited once a day by a servant,
who brings her food and attends to her
other wants, but otherwise she is cut off
from all communication with the rest of
the world. As she is now a Turkish sub-
ject, and also a Mohammedan, she cannot
claim any protection from England.

Everybody's Magazine for January
has been received from its publisher, John
Wanamaker, New York—and is a typical
"holiday number." In "The Woman
that Tolls," Miss Van Vorst continues
the account